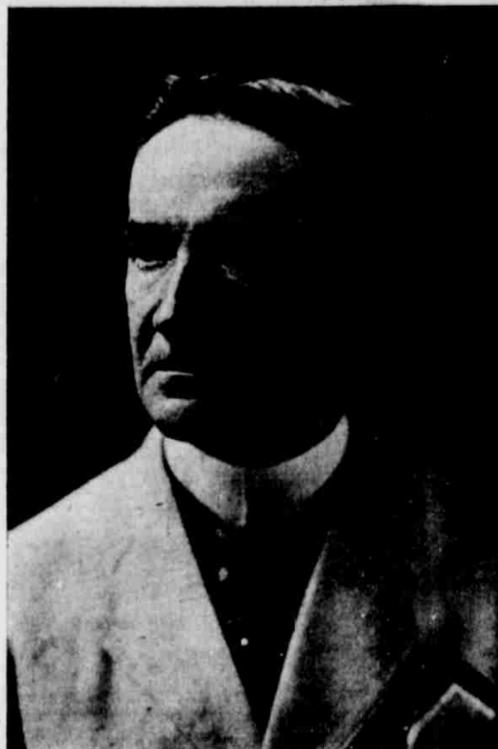


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THREE BIG LEAGUERS SIGN UP TO PLAY WITH OUTLAWS

NEW YORK, March 7.—Three more big league baseball players were signed up here today by the Federal league. The deserters from organized baseball were Mike Doolan, shortstop for the Philadelphia Nationals last season; Steve Evans of the St. Louis Cardinals and Vincent Campbell of the Boston Braves, all National league players. Efforts of the outlaw organization to sign up Tris Speaker and Sam Crawford, two American league stars, failed. Ban B. Johnson, president of the American league, admitted this afternoon that the Federals would have a chance to live had they signed Speaker and Crawford. President Gilmore of the Federal league this morning moved his organization's headquarters to the Waldorf-Astoria, the headquarters of the American and National leagues. Early announcement of the sale of the Chicago Cubs was expected. It was said that Charles P. Taft, with John K. Tener, president of the National league, has the disposition of the club. It is said Taft wants \$600,000 for the Cubs.

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